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4. The inflatable fracture alignment device of claim 1 wherein said inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers on said first lateral side of said inflatable central major portion or body extend into said longitudinal openings formed between adjacent inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers on said second lateral side of said inflatable central major portion or body and said inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers on said second lateral side of said inflatable central major portion or body extend into said longitudinal openings formed between adjacent inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers of said first lateral side of said inflatable central portion or body in use such that said inflatable fracture alignment device is adapted to substantially encircle the patient's limb to secure said inflatable fracture alignment device on the patient's limb.

5. An inflatable fracture alignment device to immobilize a patient's limb during a surgical procedure comprising an inner flexible layer and an outer flexible layer of fluid impervious material to cooperatively form a single fluid tight chamber coupled to a pressure regulator to supply gas to said fluid 20 tight chamber and an alignment retainer, said inner flexible layer and said outer flexible layer comprise an inflatable central major portion or body extending substantially the longitudinal length of said inflatable fracture alignment device, said inflatable central major portion or body having a 25 first lateral side and a second lateral side adapted to be disposed substantially parallel to the patient's limb to be immobilized and a plurality of inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers integrally formed with said inflatable central major portion or body adapted to be disposed substantially perpendicular to the patient's limb to be immobilized, each said inflatable lateral retainer extension or finger extending outwardly from either said first lateral side of said inflatable central major portion or body or from said second lateral side of said inflatable central major portion or body, each said

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inflatable lateral retainer extension or finger having an outer periphery, said plurality of inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers on said first lateral side of said inflatable central major portion or body are spaced apart relative to each other to cooperatively form a longitudinal opening between adjacent inflatable lateral retaining extensions or fingers and said plurality of inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers on said second lateral side of said inflatable central major portion or body are spaced apart relative to each other to cooperatively form a longitudinal opening between adjacent inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers and said alignment retainer comprises a malleable wire element forming a continuous loop disposed adjacent said outer periphery of each said inflatable lateral retainer extension or finger to conform to the patient's limb when bent to secure said inflatable fracture alignment device on the patient's limb and wherein said inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers on said first lateral side of said inflatable central major portion or body extend into said longitudinal openings formed between adjacent inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers on said second lateral side of said inflatable central major portion or body and said inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers on said second lateral side of said inflatable central major portion or body extend into said longitudinal openings formed between adjacent inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers of said first lateral side of said inflatable central portion or body in use such that said fracture alignment device is adapted to substantially encircle the patient's limb such that said inflatable central major portion or body and said inflatable lateral retainer extensions or fingers are held in position to immobilize the patient's limb during a surgical procedure and allow for normal blood flow when said inflatable fracture alignment device is inflated.

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